

Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
March 6, 2014
Public Safety Building

Members/Others Present: Peter Ashton, Tory Beyer, Roland Bourdon (Chair), Dave Clough, Walter Foster, Amy Green, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Joe Will, Roland Bartl (staff), Kristen Domurad-Guichard (staff), Herman Kabakoff (Finance Committee observer)

The meeting was opened at 7:35 by Chair Bourdon

1. Minutes of February 27, 2014: Ashton moved to approve with edits, Bourdon seconded; vote: all in favor
2. Review of draft Wright Hill warrant articles
 - a. Discussion of whether to have a back up article in case bonding fails
 - i. second article could be a distraction from the bonding issue
 - ii. main point is to get the land one way or another so a back up warrant might be worthwhile;
 - iii. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee would need to recommend both articles, or could caucus on second article at Town Meeting if it becomes necessary;
 - iv. Could amend article if bonding looks like it will fail; this would not change the amount recommended, just how it is funded;
 - v. Should have a back up presentation slide in case it is voted that all funding would come from set aside;
 - vi. History has been that open space purchases are supported at Town Meeting;
 - vii. If the article fails, it is possible to have a Special Town Meeting in 45 days to pass the article with different funding, but Wright Hill Association cannot hold the land indefinitely;
 - viii. Language currently states that the bonding will before not less than 15 years; suggest adding a maximum limit of 20 years
 - ix. Ashton moved to use only one article (75%/25%); Clough seconded; Ashton, Beyer, Bourdon, Clough Foster, Green, Mitchell-Hardt, Will = Aye. Hughes = Nay
 - x. Will discuss with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee that there is a possibility that a motion could be made at Town Meeting to fund purchase from Open Space set aside if bonding fails
 - xi. Final survey has come in at just over 14 acres
3. Review of direct appropriations article – general discussions and edits

- a. Determined no need to require handicap parking for bog boardwalk; be prepared to discuss at Town Meeting if questions come up
 - b. Community Housing Fund confirmed that requirement to rescind if not used in three years 1 month is waived unless voted
 - c. Be prepared to respond to questions on appropriateness of using CPA funds at West Acton Baptist Church
 - d. Foster moved to approve the warrant as edited; Ashton seconded; vote: all in favor
 - e. Ashton moved to approve Wright Hill as edited; Foster seconded; vote: all in favor
4. Administrative Updates
- a. Finance meeting on March 11th
 - b. Cancel meeting of March 13th
 - c. Next meeting will be March 27th

Ashton moved to adjourn; Foster seconded; vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned 9:25